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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR'S RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON IRISL

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) officials on February 24 to discuss the Iranian shipping line IRISL. MFA representative Egriselda Gonzalez of the Multilateral Affairs Office said the MFA was aware of the shipping line and the nature of the problem, but appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the specific problems posed by IRISL. Gonzalez noted that El Salvador is generally supportive of U.S. actions regarding Iran, but that the specific actions requested in reftel would have to be referred to CEPA, the agency that administers El Salvador's maritime port authority.

¶2. (SBU) In a follow-up communication on February 25, Gonzalez told Poloff that the MFA had informed CEPA of the matter and will contact the Embassy with an official response.
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